

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3074
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PROPOSAL FROM TAMIL NADU
T.T.V. DHINAKARAN

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Tamil Nadu Government to protect geographical indications to Kancheepuram Sarees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRIV. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, has not received any proposal from Tamil Nadu Government for registering Kancheepuram Sarees under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. The Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu, has informed that with a view to protecting the traditional Indian heritage, the Department of Handlooms and Textiles of the State Government has initiated steps for registering products such as Kancheepuram silk sarees under the aforesaid Act. However, since the rules have not been framed under the Act, the Registry set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) under the Act at Chennai has not started entertaining applications for registration. It may be stated that operationalization of the Act is contingent upon the finalization of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules and also upon the establishment of the Intellectual Property Appellate Board.